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Status of SAMOS and MIDAS Development Plans 12 JAN 1960

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1. In the memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of Defense transferring the SAMOS and MIDAS development programs to the Department of the Air Force, it was stipulated that development plans would be submitted to DDR&E by 15 January 1960 and operational plans, including details of user relationships, to the Secretary of Defense by the same date.

2. In General Montgomery's memorandum to elements of the Air Staff dated 11 December 1959, various dates were established to review these programs and accomplish submission to the DDR&E by 15 January. As a result of the AFMDC meeting on 11 December (called by AMSMD for the purpose of providing guidance prior to Air Staff review of the programs) significant changes were made to the programs. As a consequence of these changes, it was impossible to submit these plans by the 15th of January. Accordingly, AMSMD requested a delay until the 15th of February. DDR&E authorized this change and General Montgomery's memorandum of 11 December is being revised to reflect the new plans.

3. To be included in this revised memorandum are the following meetings which are being called to review these plans for revision or approval:

1 February, joint meeting - Space Committee; Reconnaissance Panel; Strategic Panel; and Air Defense Panel.

3 February - Weapons Board.

10 February - Ballistic Missile Committee.

15 February - Presentation of the development plans to Dr. York in his office.

17 February - Presentation of the operational plans and user relationships to Dr. York and representatives of the three Services in Dr. York's office.

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